

Goxhill Trader - Introducing the New Shopping Mall

Summer is notoriously a bit of a slow time on the internet. It is hardly surprising when you think about it - we certainly wait long enough for a bit of half-decent weather, and when it eventually arrives, people have better things to do than sit in front of their computers!

However, I have been pleasantly surprised how well interest in Goxhill Trader has held up. New private adverts are still being regularly submitted, and I am regularly removing ads for stuff which has been successfully sold. My intention was always to extend the free advertising to Barton and all the surrounding villages to support the local economy, and whilst this is taking time, there are definite signs that this is moving in the right direction, not bad at all after only 9 months online.

Therefore to complete the service, and to make it a true Market Place and one-stop-shop, I decided it was time to introduce the new Shopping Mall. Goxhill finally has a High Street with shops!

Over 130 in fact! A huge range of reputable retailers from well known High Street brand names such as Asda, Bhs and Superdrug through to smaller retailers selling everything from jewellery to lawn mowers! You can save your time, energy, and oh-so-expensive fuel by buying online, and getting your purchases delivered straight to your door (often free of charge if you shop cleverly) without leaving your armchair. Best of all they are all accessible from one page so that you don't need to spend ages searching; just take a virtual `stroll' through the Shopping Mall! Do you struggle for gifts for birthdays and Christmas? There are loads of great ideas here all year round!

Many people, understandably, are still uncomfortable with buying online. It has had some bad press over the years. However, all transactions through the reputable retailers in Goxhill Trader's Shopping Mall are carried out through secure connections which make payments very safe indeed, certainly as safe as shopping instore. If you are still a bit nervous about it there is a page entitled `tips for buying online' to help you.

Do take a look - I hope you will find the new facility useful! I'm always open to suggestions for improvements, so do feel free to email me from the website with any comments you may have.

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Do you have a little bit of spare time? Would you like to earn some cash? **Why not become a Voluntary Driver?**

Community Transport Solutions urgently needs voluntary drivers to help provide transport for residents of North Lincolnshire who are experiencing genuine transport difficulties, i.e. people who do not have transport of their own, do not have access to public transport or have health problems which prevent them from using public transport.

We need:

People who are prepared to use their own cars to take Individuals or small groups of people on pre-arranged journeys to a wide variety of destinations. A mileage rate of 35p per mile is paid to the driver by the passenger for these trips. (The mileage is calculated from and to the driver's home).

People who are prepared to drive our community and wheelchair accessible minibuses to provide transport for local community groups and individuals with specialist transport needs. Full driver training is provided free and all expenses are paid.

We recognise all our volunteers are free to spend as little or as much of their time as they choose volunteering for us. The odd hour spent helping us just every now and again would make a huge difference to the lives of people in your local community and would be greatly appreciated.

If you would like more information please contact the Community Transport Team on 01652 636292 / 661226 or e-mail jen.reeve@hwrcc.org.uk

We would love to hear from you.